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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to request the mandatory testing and labeling of genetically engineered foods. Genetic modification of the foods we eat can possibly have many devastatingly harmful effects. The idea that these foods are even being used, let alone that they have no mandatory testing or labeling regulation is frankly quite frightening.

There are several possible effects that could result from the use of these altered foods. The fact that some food genes are combined with those of other species and this fact is not labeled on the foods brings up the problem of food allergies. A person could be deathly allergic to grapes and have a surprise reaction when biting into a genetically modified tomato. This type of change could result in other unknown health problems as well.

The plants that are being bred to have innate pesticides could actually cause more pesticide problems. This type of manipulation can create pesticide resistant bugs and weeds that will in turn require the use of even more polluting and poisoning pesticides. On the subject of bugs, the new type of pollen released by the self-preserving species can kill helpful bugs such as ladybugs and butterflies. Careful rigorous testing would hopefully eliminate these possible disasters.

People who are trying to grow their crops naturally could also be harmed by genetically engineered plant pollen. This pollen can easily become wind-borne and contaminate their products of which they are trying to keep pure and closest to nature. Another possible problem with genetically engineered products is that without proper testing these companies could be irreversibly polluting our ecosystem. I feel that there is more than enough polluting our atmosphere, water and soil without yet another presumed safe product slowly braking down more of our precious Earth.

For all of these reasons I strongly feel that we must create rigorous mandatory testing and labeling of genetically engineered foods. You have the power in your hands to divert several possible disasters by simply being as safe and cautious as possible.

Thank You, 55. 07 55 6 07 JES

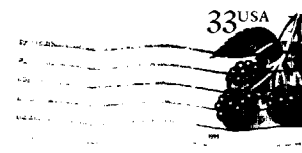
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